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Obituary—Fern Reemsnyder

Among the many losses this community has sustained during the epidemic of influenza none came with a greater surprise or caused greater sorrow than did the death of Fern Alice Reemsnyder, a young lady of only twenty-three years, born near, and reared in Hays.

She was born at the farm home just north of Hays October 9, 1895, and died at the Christian Church Hospital in Kansas City, November 6, 1918.

Fern joined the Lutheran church in 1914, was graduated from the Hays high school in 1915, received her life diploma to teach from the Fort Hays Kansas State Normal School, May 1917, and taught school in Natoma the winter following.

For some time she longed to become a nurse, but yielding to the wishes of her mother she refrained from taking the necessary training. But the call of her country became so strong, she said to her mother, "I am strong and well and able to serve our country. There are so many, though willing whose health will not permit them to go."

She left Hays, October 26, to take training in the Christian Church Hospital, at Kansas City, where five other Fort Hays Normal girls are training. Two days later she complained of illness. Upon being informed of her illness her mother left Sunday November 3 for her bedside. Her condition did not seem alarming in the least until the afternoon of the 6th, when she died near midnight, conscious to the last.

Funeral services were held at the family residence, Friday, November 7 at 3 p. m. In the absence of her pastor, Rev. C. F. Wiest, Rev. Garret Snyder, assisted by Rev. J. W. Snapp, conducted the services. The many beautiful floral offerings received for the funeral and on the following days bore tribute to the relatives of the high esteem in which Fern was held.

She leaves in sore grief her mother, Mrs. Allie Reemsnyder, sister Esther, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Replogle, a number of relatives, fiancé in France, and a host of admiring friends. Fern's jovial, whole-souled, sweet christian character gave her a personality which won the love and esteem of all her acquaintances.

Mrs. Reemsnyder was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Chas. Goetichius of Kansas City.

Among the friends in Kansas City who were at the station to sympathize with Mrs. Reemsnyder were Miss Jennie Nickles, Dr. and Mrs. Haas, Dr. and Mrs. Jordan, and Mrs. Jessie Blackburn.

Saturday Afternoon Club

November 16, 1918

Study: Current Events
Leader: Mrs. Geo. Philip, Sr.
Surgical Dressings.

The attendance of all members is desired.

Jacob Leiker of Hays, (wounded) appears on Friday's casualty list.

Results of the November 5 election completed by the secretary of state's office from unofficial reports, show that the lower house of the next Kansas legislature will be made up of 112 Republicans and 13 Democrats. Occupationally, farmers predominate with 49; lawyers, 19; bankers, 11; editors, 4; miscellaneous, 22. It is officially announced that both amendments were passed by large majorities.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Hocken-smith on Thursday, Nov. 21st.

Word has been received that Thomas Sack died in France from pneumonia.

Some time during the influenza vacation, a No. 5 Underwood typewriter mysteriously disappeared from the high school building, without either the knowledge or consent of the cus-

tomian or any member of the faculty. No trace of the machine or clue as to the manner of its disappearance has been found. It seems plain, however, that the machine was taken by someone familiar with the building and the location of the typewriters.

Frances Metzger left Tuesday with some horses for the Denning ranch near Oakley.

Mr. and Mrs. Geren of Sterling, Colorado, are at home in apartments at Mrs. Barthol's. Mr. Geren works on the line for the telephone company.

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A Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the friends who remembered us in our bereavement for their floral offerings, expressions of sympathy and for their help.—Sincerely, Mrs. Allie Reemsnyder, Esther Reemsnyder.

NOTICE.

Questionnaires will be sent out to all young men, except those who have already received them; from the ages of 18 to 36, and they must be filled out and returned. Those from 37 to 45 receiving questionnaires, will return them in blank, that is they will not be required to fill them out.—By order of Local War Board.

Botany.

Botany is based on a classification of plants which depends largely on the anatomy of the ovaries, seeds and reproductive organs. Flowers and fruit are therefore often necessary to identification of species and but rarely can determination be made from foliage alone.

He Awakened to Realize it Was Only a Dream.

I am monarch of all I survey, my right there is none to dispute; From center all around the whole world in every direction I am lord of all creation, sang the Kaiser in his sleep. He awoke to find it only a hollow dream. And now he has lost crown, he has lost his throne, aye he has lost his soul.

RED CROSS NOTES

The general Red Cross election will be in the city building at 8:30 on Wednesday, November 20th. Come out and hear the reports from the various officers and cast your vote.

The Christmas Parcels Committee will be at the post office every afternoon from 2 to 5.

As the time was so short to call the Red Cross workers to march in the parade the Executive Committee carried the Red Cross banner.

Tuesday evening the canteen committee entertained the "Mechanic Sammies to a turkey dinner at the Methodist church basement. After dinner the boys were given smokes and tickets to the movies. It was a glorious occasion and the boys enjoyed it. The canteen committee expresses a vote of thanks to the Methodist people.

Read these good letters from headquarters.

To all Chapters: Red Crossers, Keep on Working.

I have just returned from a conference in Chicago with officials from Washington and from five other division headquarters. It is the unanimous consensus of opinion that even though an armistice should immediately be signed, which would indicate an early peace, the work of the American Red Cross will not in any way let up.

With the exception of surgical dressings and some hospital supplies, the calls for finished articles will be as great as ever.

Chapters should not relax their efforts.

Unlimited quantities of knitted articles are still needed. Therefore

keep knitting all the yarn we can send you.

Peace will be a crucial test by which the people of America will demonstrate to the world that we not only are United in War but we are also United in Peace, and will proceed with reconstruction abroad and at home with the same unselfish confidence in our National leaders, as has made possible the marvelous results of our war work abroad and at home.

I request Chapters to secure greatest possible local publicity to impress everybody with the fact that signing the armistice does not mean any appreciable change in Red Cross work.

Attached is a copy of a telegram today received from the War Council. Please see that all your Branches and Auxiliaries receive a copy of this letter and the attached telegram.

Yours very truly,
George W. Simmons
Manager Southwestern Division.

Mr. George W. Simmons, St. Louis, Missouri.

On February 10 last year nearly six weeks before the United States declared war, National Red Cross Headquarters advised its Chapters to prepare for war. That which has followed in the record of the Red Cross in helping to win this war and to relieve the suffering growing out of it, constitutes something of which every American citizen has a right to be proud. Every American Red Cross worker must feel a sense of gratitude in having had a share in it all.

The moment is now come to prepare for peace. Actual peace may come at any moment; it may be deferred for some time. Until peace is really here there can be no relaxation in any Red Cross effort incident to active hostilities.

But even with peace, let no one suppose that the work of the Red Cross is finished. Millions of American boys are still under arms. Thousands of them are sick or wounded. Owing to the shortage in shipping, it may take a year or more to bring our boys home from France. But whatever the time, our protecting arms must be about them and their families over the whole period which must elapse before normal life of peace can be resumed.

Our soldiers and sailors are enlisted until the Commander in Chief tells them there is no more work for them to do in the war. Let every Red Cross member and worker show our returning soldiers and sailors that to care for their health, welfare and happiness, we are enlisted for no less a period than they are.

The cessation of war will reveal a picture of misery such as the world has never seen before, especially in the many countries which cannot help themselves. The American people will expect the Red Cross to continue to act as their agent in repairing broken spirits and broken bodies. Peace terms and peace conditions will determine how we may best minister to the vast stricken areas which have been harrowed by war, and in this great act of mercy, the heart and spirit of the American people must continue to be mobilized through the American Red Cross.

On behalf of the War Council, we accordingly ask each member of our splendid body of workers throughout the land to bear in mind the solemn obligation which rests upon each one to "Carry On". We cannot abate one instant in our efforts or in our spirit. There will be an abundance of work to do, and specific advices will be given, but even at the moment of peace let no Red Cross worker falter.

Our spirits must now call us to show it is not the roar of cannon or the blood of our own alone, that directs our activities, but that a great people will continue to respond greatly and freely to its obligation and opportunity to serve mankind.

(Signed) The War Council of the American Red Cross.

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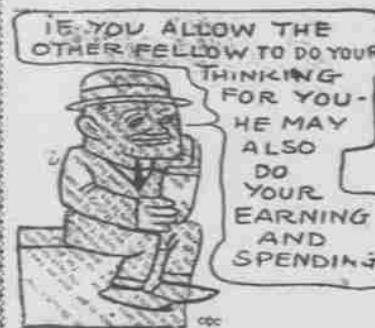
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